

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

EVALUATION see below

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1. On 8 November 1951, earth moving was nearing completion at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. About 500 civilian laborers, 100 convicts, and 100 Soviet Air Force soldiers were employed in the entire field area.

2. Between 8 October and 8 November, the old section of the field was plowed, graded, and sown with grass. Except for six power shovels which had been shipped away, all the equipment used such as narrow-gauge field railways, locomotives, and rails were still in the southeastern corner of the field. About 150 German laborers were clearing away the tools. work was to be discontinued soon but that it was to be resumed in the spring of 1952 because the equipment was not shipped away. The previously reported 10 to 15 cubic meters of timber and about 6,000 bricks were still stored on the southern edge of the field. The old circular taxiway in the eastern and western sections of the field was torn up and completely graded. \*

\* Comment. It appears that construction work is completed at the field. The field was again graded and sown with grass. No information has been received on improvement work or a possible construction of surfaced lanes in the spring of 1952. It is believed that the field was intended to be reconditioned only for occasional intermediate landings.

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